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Ms. Brooke Chapman
Associate Director
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Chapman:

I write to express my strong support for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport's (AVP) application for \$500,000 to the Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP). This funding will enhance their ability to serve as a regional economic engine.

Access to dependable and varied air service supports the vitality of our region by enabling commerce and tourism while also providing jobs and enhancing our overall quality of life. If awarded, funds will provide a minimum revenue guarantee for a low-cost carrier to begin service at AVP, which is the primary commercial airport serving Wilkes-Barre/Scranton and the surrounding region in Northeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New York. Service on a low-cost carrier will be an important component to continued growth for the airport and the region's economy.

I hope you will see the value of investing in AVP. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I am a strong advocate for programs like SCASDP as it seeks to boost the potential of smaller economic regions through airports. I believe AVP is well-suited for this opportunity to expand local air service options and attract additional passengers with expanded airline service.

Thank you for your time reviewing Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport's (AVP) application. I hope you will give it full and fair consideration in compliance with all applicable law and regulation.

Sincerely,



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CC: Carl Beardsley, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport